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PATENT APPLICATION

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In re application of Llinas-Brunet, M. et al

Appln. No. 09/675,398  
Filed: 9/29/00  
For: Hepatitis C Inhibitor Tri-Peptides  
Atty. Docket No. 13/068-3-D3

Group Art Unit: 1626  
Examiner: D. Lambkin

AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action April 17, 2001.

Please amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

At page 4, lines 19-21, delete the paragraph and replace with the following:

B1  
or B is an acyl derivative of formula  $R_4-C(O)-$ ; a carboxyl derivative of formula  $R_4-O-C(O)-$ ;  
an amide derivative of formula  $R_4-N(R_5)-C(O)-$ ; a thioamide derivative of formula  $R_4-N(R_5)-$   
C(S)-; or a sulfonyl derivative of formula  $R_4-SO_2$  wherein

At page 5, lines 8-20, delete the paragraph and replace with the following:

B2  
with the proviso that when B is a carboxyl derivative, an amide derivative or a thioamide  
derivative,  $R_4$  is not a cycloalkoxy; and

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